

Dates to Remember

September 22

4:00 Bertucci

5:00 Barnes & Noble

Cristoline Fundraiser ends

September 23
Spirit Wear Due

September 28
Spirit Day

October 4
6:30 PTA MEETING

October 20
School Photos

Early Release Day!

1:17 PM Dismissal on September 21 October 19



October 10



Keeney News

From the desk of: Julie Martin-Beaulieu, Principal

Greetings Keeney Community and welcome to our first Keeney Newsletter for this school year!

This school year has begun with very positive energy from students, families, and staff members. We are truly off to a great start and I look forward to continuing to build on this enthusiasm throughout the school year.

You will likely notice some changes to this family newsletter. Based on feedback from parents and staff, some adjustments have been made to the format and content and we hope to continue to improve this communication tool as the year progresses. This month you will be introduced to many of our new staff members who are highlighted throughout these pages. Following September, we will focus our articles on school-wide topics of

interest including but not limited to the following:

- STEM
- Social Thinking
- Restorative practices
- Curriculum content across grades
- Genius Hour

We look forward to continuing to work with you to make this newsletter even more responsive to community needs and requests throughout the year. Please feel free to share any thoughts you have regarding the new format or content as the year continues.

There will also be several opportunities

throughout the year for families to work in partnership with us. We will again be hosting "Coffee Conversations" for families, we will be inviting parents and community members to participate as a Genius Hour mentor later in the year, and I will utilize my "Keeney Connections" emails as another way to provide you with updates and Information. As always, please feel free to contact the school with any questions, concerns, or celebrations you would like to share.

Here's to a year filled with curiosity, kindness, and connections!

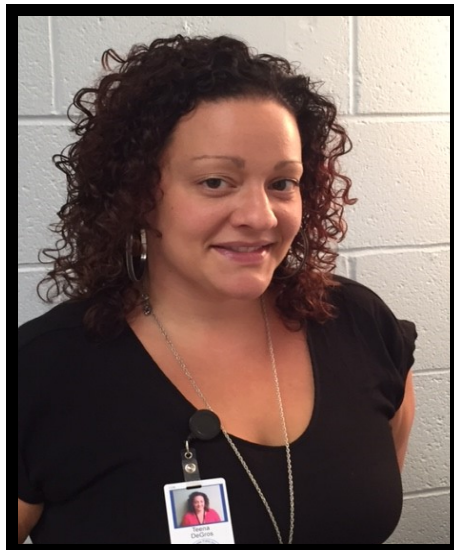


**5th
Grade
Ms.
Stenglein**



Hello! I am excited to be joining the Keeney community as a new fifth grade teacher! You will find that once you meet me, I am very energetic and excited about learning! In my free time I love to travel, try new foods, read exciting books and spend time with my friends and family. I have recently returned to Connecticut after teaching in San Francisco, California. I am really excited to be back in my home state where I am a true Husky after graduating from UConn just a few years ago!

**FRC
Ms.
DeGros**



My name is Teena DeGros and I am new to Keeney Elementary but not new to working with children and families. I come to Keeney Elementary with excitement and positivity. I am very much looking forward to working with families as well as the children individually to help promote positive school experiences while learning. I have fun groups planned and I look forward to all that 206-2017 has to offer!!!

**Mrs.
Hodgins
RN**



Hello! I am a UConn grad and have worked in Manchester Public Schools as a nurse for 14 years. I am very excited to be joining the Keeney community. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached at 860 647-3355 or lhodgkins@mpspride.org.

Miss Turley taught in Hartford as a third grade teacher for 4 years and is excited to start teaching STEM at Keeney! Science has always been her passion, and she is almost done with her STEM Master's program from CCSU. When she isn't teaching science, Miss Turley is coaching cheerleading at South Windsor High School or playing with her new puppy, Zoey. Fun fact: Miss Turley loves to travel. Last year she got to go to the Grand Canyon with her best friend, who is also a STEM specialist in Manchester!



**STEM
Grade
3—5
Ms.
Turley**

Hello and happy 2016-2017 school year to all students and families! My name is Ms. Schwarm and I am the new School Counselor here at Keeney Street School. I have worked the last 2 years as one of the School Counselors at Bennet Academy, and although I will miss being a Bennet Bear, I am so excited to now be a Keeney Cub! I look forward to working with lots of students and families this year, and invite you to please contact me if you would like to discuss the many different ways I can offer my support! Thank you!



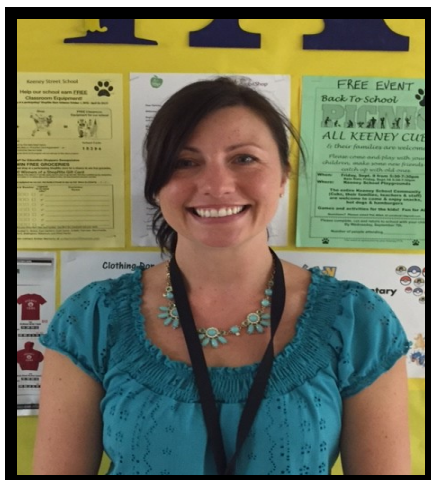
**School
Counselor
Ms.
Schwarm**

I have been teaching in Manchester for 10 years. I was the Numeracy Coach here at Keeney for 3 years. I am so excited to be back in the classroom teaching 3rd grade!



**3rd
Grade
Ms.
Sherman**

**Building
Sub
Ms. Moriarty**



I'm so excited to work at Keeney as the Building Substitute. Spending time in the classroom working with children is one of my favorite things to do. I have three children who were all Keeney Cubs. My youngest is still here at Keeney in the 4th grade. When I'm not busy at school or doing things for the PTA, I enjoy running with my dogs Violet and Fender, reading, and listening to music. I also love playing board games with my children, especially Yahtzee, Uno and Scrabble. I am looking forward to a wonderful school year.

**Secretary
Mrs.
Balboni**



I am a proud mother of 4 of which all of my kids were once Keeney Cubs. I was hired for Manchester Public Schools back in 1994 where I was a part-time Learning Center Para at Nathan Hale School. After my first 6th months, I moved on to Verplanck, where I made that my home for the past 11 years. I was a 1 on 1 para, classroom para and most recently, the building para for the past 7 years. I couldn't be prouder to be welcomed as the School Secretary at Keeney Street School. The enthusiasm of the staff here is amazing. I look at the elementary school as the basis for all kids education and hopefully the start to success in the world today. I know that Keeney was a successful start for my kids. I couldn't be prouder to be part of the Keeney Cub Family!

Attendance is important
If your child is absent
please call the attendance
line
860-645-4826



@MPS_Keeney

Dear Keeney Families,

We hope you all enjoyed your summer and are as excited as we are for another wonderful school year here at Keeney. We loved getting to see so many faces (both returning and new) during the first couple of weeks of school!

We wanted to welcome you back and let you know about a few of the upcoming events we have in store for our Cubs and their families.

As many of you have seen, we have started the year off with a number of fundraisers. We realize this may seem overwhelming but it's a necessary part of providing programs and events for our Keeney Cubs. If you don't enjoy our fundraising opportunities but would still like to donate, feel free to send a check made out to the Keeney Street School PTA. Some of the events we support include: Field Trips, Enrichment Clusters and Genius Hour, Dances, Ice Cream Social, Welcome Back Picnic and much more.

We'd like to extend a big "Thank You" to Pat Allen for organizing the Back to School Picnic and to the Foods and Nutrition staff for a wonderful meal. The picnic was well attended and fun was had by all.

Below are some other important dates to keep in mind.

September 21 - Half Day (1:17 Dismissal)

September 22 - Bertucci's (4pm - 9pm) / Barnes and Noble (5pm - 8pm) Fundraisers

September 22 - Cristoline Fundraiser forms due

September 23 - Spirit Wear order forms due

September 28 - Spirit Day - Wear your PJ's to School Day (A \$1.00 donation to the PTA is appreciated)

October 4 - PTA Meeting 6:30-7:30 pm

October 10 - No School - Columbus Day

Please feel free to reach out to us with any questions or comments at keeneystpta@gmail.com.

Hope to see you soon!

Karen, Corrie, Danielle, Jesse, Rhiannon and Toni

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